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on the part of his readers. The natural consequence of this is that, for the intelligent American reader, who has learned his scientific alphabet long since, the book is liable to appear somewhat prosy and verbose. Having said this, our criticism is concluded, for it is certain that Mr. Romanes is fully conversant with his subject in all its branches, and a careful examination of the book has shown his treatment of the subject to be judicious, accurate, and fair. For all persons who desire a straightforward statement of what is implied by the term Darwinism when strictly construed, the book is to be recommended. Since public speakers, both in favor of and opposed to the doctrines of evolution and natural selection, are only too frequently given to singular misconceptions on this subject, it is fortunate that a work has at last appeared which presents a satisfactory summary of the theory for general reference, and we hope it may be widely circulated and carefully read by the numerous class for whom it is intended. Besides numerous diagrams of fairly good quality, the volume is embellished with Jeens's well-known portrait of Darwin, from the "Nature" series, which will be welcome to all admirers of the great philosopher.

The Indians of Canada; their manners and customs. By JOHN MCLEAN. Third Edition. London, Charles H. Kelly. 351 p.

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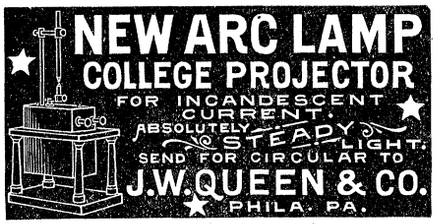

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